

Proposals for County-Sponsored Legislation

Enhancing Enforcement Against Water Theft and Illegal Cannabis Growth

– This proposal would authorize county counsels and city attorneys to civilly prosecute and enjoin water theft, and to civilly prosecute and enjoin water pollution. Remote unincorporated communities are frequently the targets of illegal cultivation by cannabis growers who steal and pollute the area's scarce drinking and potable water supply. Removing existing limitations on prosecutorial authority would enable local governments to take direct action against water theft and water pollution harming our local communities.

Eliminating the Time Limitation for Petitions for Proposition 47 Resentencing Relief

– This proposal would eliminate the time limitation in which a person convicted of a qualifying low-level felony under Proposition 47 may file a petition to the court to have the sentence reduced to a misdemeanor, without any further statutory deadlines. The current deadline to file a petition for relief to the court is November 4, 2022, or at a later date upon a showing of good cause. The Office of the Public Defender reports that approximately 180,000 cases remain eligible for relief under Proposition 47 in Los Angeles County. Reclassifying old convictions would remove barriers to housing, employment, and government benefits. These obstacles deprive individuals of self-sufficiency, perpetuate cycles of incarceration, and disproportionately impact communities of color.

Miles Hall Lifeline Act – This proposal would establish the 988 Suicide and Prevention Crisis Hotline Center as an alternative to 911 to connect callers with trained counselors and dispatch mobile crisis support teams. This is AB 988, a two-year bill co-sponsored by the Steinberg Institute, Kennedy Forum, Contra Costa County, National Association of Mental Illness of Contra Costa County, and the Miles Hall Foundation.



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Increasing Substance Use Disorder (SUD) Registered Counselor Standards – This proposal would raise the minimum training standards, from the current 9.5 hours of training/orientation up to 80 hours of training/orientation, for individuals interested in becoming registered SUD Counselors in California. The increase in required minimum training requirements of prospective SUD counselor registrants would cultivate a well-prepared and enhanced SUD counselor workforce ready to enter the current SUD treatment field. Building up the region's SUD counselor workforce would benefit the broader health and justice systems, including by increasing the support to SUD individual involved with or at risk of being involved in the criminal justice system.

County-Sponsored Budget Proposals

Los Angeles County Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) Programs – This proposal would provide \$200 million in additional annual State funding beginning in Fiscal Year 2022-23, specifically for Los Angeles County, to help mitigate the departmental structural budget deficit projected in upcoming fiscal years. Since 2018, the County has been dealing with a \$300 million dollar budget deficit due to the loss of a Federal Title IV-E Waiver, as well increased costs from the State mandated Extended Foster Care (EFC). Without this ongoing funding, the County is facing the potential loss of hundreds of positions, reduction of services, and ultimately a reversion to a fragile system of care.

Authorize the County to Use AB 900 Grant Funding for Capital Facilities for Alternatives to Incarceration – This proposal would allow Los Angeles County to use its AB 900 grant award towards non-custodial treatment facilities that would provide community-based treatment, including behavioral health and other rehabilitative services, to justice-involved populations. The County was conditionally awarded \$100 million in AB 900 grant funds to develop the Pitchess Detention Center in 2012. The Board of Supervisors decided to not move forward with using the AB 900 grant award for that project, as well as other jail projects. Under the current AB 900 authority, which limits bond financing authority to jail facilities, the County could lose the grant funding if not directed to a jail project. Redirected funding would be used to build treatment facilities that would divert individuals from jail and into care.

LAC + USC Restorative Care Village and General Hospital

– This proposal would provide \$500 million over multiple fiscal years, including \$70 million for the Restorative Care Village and \$70 million for the adaptive reuse of the General Hospital building in FY 2022-23, for the County's reuse initiatives at the LAC + USC Medical Center Campus to support a full continuum of care service for the region's most vulnerable populations, providing integrated direct care services including physical health, mental health, social, and other wraparound services, while focusing on stabilization and linkages to community-based resources.

Repurpose and Reimagine the Challenger Memorial Youth Center

– This proposal would provide \$25 million to repurpose and reimagine the Challenger Memorial Youth Center. The Challenger Project aims to help under-served and under-resourced youth transition safely and securely to an independent adulthood. The program will serve participants (ages 18-25 who were involved with the criminal justice or foster care systems, or who are homeless) who will live on the Challenger campus for 6-18 months while they are offered educational pathways and career training, as well as mental health services and robust life-skills instruction. This facility would provide these youth with services aimed at achieving self-sufficiency and avoiding financial insecurity, homelessness, and/or incarceration.



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